

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge that claims 1-10 have been allowed.

Claims 11-14 remain rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Singh.

Specifically, the Examiner states that this rejection is maintained because "Applicants have not demonstrated that results such as shown in tables 1 and 2 are to be achieved with all embodiments encompassed by claims 1-10." This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner acknowledges with respect to claims 1-10, Singh fails to disclose the claimed methods of procuring a paste using a cylindrical vessel. Claims 11, 12, and 14 depend from claims 1-10 and, therefore, claim a paste produced by the method described in claims 1-10. In addition, claim 11 has been amended to claim a paste "wherein the content of a foreign substance is 15 mg per 20 kg or less." This limitation previously appeared in claim 13, which has been cancelled. Since this limitation has already appeared in the Examined claims, this amendment does not require a new search and this amendment should be entered after final.

Singh discloses pastes produced using typical roll milling (see Singh column 3, lines 36-41). As described in the specification, and claimed, the claimed method can produce a paste containing 15 mg per 20 kg or less foreign substance. See page 21, lines 7-10. This amount of foreign substance is significantly less than the amount of foreign substance that can be achieved with typical roll milling. Accordingly, since Singh only discloses producing a paste using typical roll milling, Singh does not disclose the claimed paste containing 15 mg per 20 kg or less foreign substance.

For the following reasons, the rejection of claims 11, 12, and 14, should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **360842010500**.

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